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Inside

## Teaming up for bar crawl

Six bars near north side of Square offering prizes to those who join the Social Club.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Sports

## Let MVC play begin

Unbeaten men's soccer team is part of a tough Missouri Valley Conference this season.

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# Wearing drunk goggles



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Eric Davidson, assistant director of health education and promotion, has volunteer Sharmaun Freeman, a senior sociology major, wear "fatal vision goggles" that represent the vision someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.16 to 0.18 might have Wednesday evening in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Program explores physical, social effects of drinking alcohol

By Christy Kilgore  
Staff writer

Alcohol does not have to take over your life, said the assistant director of health education and promotion Wednesday during the "Alcohol and You" presentation.

Eric Davidson spoke to a crowd of 35

students regarding the effects of alcohol on student life in his presentation "Alcohol and You" Wednesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Davidson discussed alcohol use on campus, the effects of alcohol on people physically and socially, how to slow the effects of alcohol, and what to do if you

think you or a friend has a drinking problem.

"A lot of times, we perceive the drinking norms to be much greater than they actually are," Davidson said. "These perceptions influence when we drink, how we drink, and how much we drink."

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# It's not a hiring freeze

Abebe: Departments can replace outgoing faculty once their sick-leave payout is secured

By Tammie Sloup  
Administration editor

The vice president for academic affairs said "selective replacing" of faculty will be implemented to accommodate for additional courses added with funds from the 2.5 percent tuition increase.

"If a faculty member leaves, or resigns, the department can fill the position once they are able to capture the payout for the position," said Teshome Abebe.

Abebe said there is not a hiring freeze as a result of the \$1.2 million deficit from sick leave payouts to faculty members who have retired or resigned. If a new faculty member must be hired, he said the sick leave payout must be secured.

"It is an unfunded mandate — it's a law," he said. "And it's not fair to shut down someone's office."

"An employee, while in pay status shall earn non-cumulative sick leave at the rate of 10 days per year of employment, which shall be credited to the employee at the beginning of the employment year, starting with the first year of employment," according to a document dated July 20 from the President's Office.

One option Abebe proposed was to replace the faculty member who leaves with another professor from another department within the college.

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# \$900,000 will be spent on campus fix-ups

Majority of money to update equipment and technology

By Tammie Sloup  
Administration editor

The Office of Academic Affairs announced it is ready to spend \$900,000 on equipment and technology this year.

"Students deserve a learning environment not only academically challenging but aesthetically appealing," said Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs. "And I intend to be a very good advocate of this."

The office has already released \$536,000 to the four academic

deans to distribute among departments for replacement or restoration of equipment.

"Students need to be in labs where the equipment is not only functional, but up to date," Abebe said.

The equipment allocations were distributed as follows: the College of Arts and Humanities received \$100,169; the College of Business and Applied Sciences received \$76,762; the College of Education Professional Studies received \$56,732; the College of Sciences received \$154,138; and the School of Adult and Continuing Education received \$10,512.

The Graduate School also received \$10,477; Booth Library

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# Senate speaker stresses experience

Cosentino says he wants members to get the most of time with Student Senate

By Joe Sanner and Jake Pope  
Staff writers

The Student Senate Wednesday hosted the annual State of the Senate Address, approved a recommendation to allocate \$200 from its budget and tabled a resolution regarding changing Pemberton Hall to a co-ed honors dorm.

The address, delivered by Senate Speaker Keith Cosentino, discussed the recent topics of Senate meetings and goals for the future.

Cosentino highlighted the importance of the experience senate members have gained already

this year, during what he says has been the roughest beginning for any Student Senate in a while. He said the difficulties were related to issues such as student-faculty relationships, special elections, and tuition and fees topics.

"Your experience on Student Government is so easily lost in the responsibility of tuition and fees, shuttle buses, and voter registration drives, that the experience you do gain is never even talked about," Cosentino said.

He also said the proof of the senate's success is apparent in the 82 percent student approval rating it recently received.

Cosentino said he will continue to push the members so they get the most of the experience.

Cosentino also addressed the senate's upcoming goals. He said he wants to see more from the mentoring project, as well as addressing more student issues. The senate

also plans to go on Senate Tour II-1998, during which they will travel to Carman Hall and to the city chambers to seek student's input on various campus issues.

Cosentino closed by saying, "We have had a great start to this semester, and to this year, and I only foresee Student Senate achieving all our goals. In the process of achieving our goals, let us not forget that we are here not only for the students, but for our own life-long experience."

The senate approved a recommendation by a 20-2 vote to allocate \$200 from its budget for the Center for Academic Integrity's Eighth Annual Conference at Wilmington and Lee College in Lexington, VA.

The trip will cost \$425 each and the \$200 will be divided among them to relieve them of some of the cost.

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Reading skills to be viewed in different light

By Bethany Harris  
Staff writer

The president of the International Reading Association Friday will be the featured speaker at the 34th annual East Central/ EIU Reading Conference.

The “Create the Magic of Reading” conference begins at 8:45 a.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Kathryn Ransom, president of the

International Reading Association, will discuss the “The Engaged Reader: What Do We Mean?”

Cindy Rich, president of the East Central EIU Reading Council, said Ransom was chosen because “she’s a leader in reading education.”

The list of introductory speakers includes Richard Berg, superintendent of the Mattoon School District; Eastern’s President David Jorns, John McNary, regional superintendent of schools; and Elizabeth Hitch, Eastern professor of educa-

tion and professional studies.

“It’s a great opportunity to learn about different strategies and ideas to teach and develop reading skills,” Rich said. “There will be elementary school teachers and professors from all different schools who will present different reading strategies.”

Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m. Friday in the east first floor foyer of the Union.

The registration fee is \$5 for the public, \$4 for council members and \$2 for students. Introductory speakers will begin their presentations at 8:45 a.m.

For more information on the reading conference call the EIU Reading Center at 581-7898 or the Department of Early Childhood Elementary and Middle Level Education at 581- 7877.

Senate

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Senate members also tabled a recommendation to only move women honors students into Pemberton Hall for the time being.

The change of Pemberton Hall to a co-ed honors residence hall has brought much student opposition to past senate meetings.

Pemberton has been an all-female residence hall for 90 years.

The senate’s recommendation

suggests “if Pemberton becomes an honors hall, McKinney and Ford should continue to be honors halls.”

It also asks that no students be moved from their current residence halls.

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said the administration would be in favor of the recommendation as it is currently written, but the senate tabled it to get more student feedback.

“We are happy with it,” he said. “We would be in favor of it as it stands.”

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This will save the college money because an additional faculty member won’t have to be hired.

“I think we can work with this as long as the number of students stays stable,” he said. “(Keeping the enrollment stable) is not only an effort of academic affairs but of student affairs.”

Replacing faculty members could take up to six months but the position will most likely be filled without hiring additional faculty, he said.

Abebe has been working with

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, on what faculty needs are, what student needs are and how to provide an outstanding curriculum.

“Deans have got to make very good decisions so we don’t have to go to the students all the time,” he said.

Since the university has a decentralized budget, deans must use their resources very wisely, he said.

If one department has increasing enrollment and another department from the same college has decreasing enrollment, the logical thing to do would move a faculty member into the department with increasing enrollment from the other department, he said.

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received \$44,713; University Studies received \$7,101; and \$75,396 was released to other academic affairs direct reports, a press release said.

The academic affairs direct reports include the honors program, minority affairs and women studies.

In addition, \$150,000 has been distributed to the four academic deans to hire an education instructional specialist for their individual colleges.

“The deans are in the process (of hiring),” Abebe said.

The specialists will be hired so “the equipment acquired is not only suitable but working conditioned,” he said.

Abebe also said \$200,000 will be spent replacing or refurbishing laboratories. The funds will come from the technology student fee.

Abebe said the equipment allocations are derived from an articulated plan he is developing that involves two issues: the need to secure more resources for division so the Office of Academic Affairs

can meet “contractual” obligations, such as sick leave payouts, and the “poor” condition of some of the facilities in which students and faculty must teach and learn.

“Each year, each (academic) area comes up with an articulated plan and forward identified priorities to (academic affairs),” he said.

Abebe said he is putting a plan together for dividing the many issues the academic areas identify, including how to allocate money that is likely to come to academic affairs. He calls this “planned based expenditure.”

When students walk around campus, there is peeling paint on walls, worn carpet, inadequate lighting and cooling and general disrepair that concerns the entire campus community, he said.

He said some of his other goals include improving funding for general education, the honors program and continuing to address the needs of classrooms and labs.

“To accomplish this, we need to develop a well-articulated plan,” he said.

When the plan is developed, he said it will be run through the normal process, which is presenting it to the President’s Council for the president to sign it off.

Drunk

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Davidson also said people drink or drink too much because they think that is what is expected of them.

To illustrate some of the effects alcohol has on the body, Sharmaun Freeman, a senior sociology major, donned a pair of “fatal vision goggles” that represented the vision someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.16 to 0.18 might have. Freeman had difficulty picking up car keys, throwing and catching a ball, and walking a straight line.

“The beer goggles were really

accurate,” Freeman said. “My vision was like I had really been drinking.”

Alcohol can be more than clumsiness, Davidson said. As a graduate student, he worked at an alcohol intervention program and saw the effects of alcohol first hand.

“One guy ran down Fourth Street naked, a girl got drunk one night and pulled a fire alarm. She was a senior and had to take the course or get kicked out of school,” Davidson said.

Davidson gave tips on what to do before, during and after you drink to slow the effects if you do choose to drink.

Before you hit the bars, Davidson

gave some tips for preventing the absorption of alcohol: Go out with a full stomach, know how many drinks you can have before you get drunk, limit the amount of money you bring and go with a group.

“Don’t quit eating when you get there,” Davidson said.

Other tips for preventing drunkenness include staying away from drinking games and alternate beverages.

“Have a beer, then a Coke or water. I recommend water because it prevents dehydration,” Davidson said. He also said dehydration is what causes hangovers.

After drinking, Davidson recommended not going to after-hour

parties, or “if you do, predetermine how long you will be there and how many drinks you will have and leaving with the same group you came with.”

Chances are if you go with a group “at least one person is likely to not have had as many drinks,” Davidson said. “This person could be helpful cutting you off, or helping you find your way home if you need it.”

Davidson told students how to help someone who is drunk.

“Lay them on their sides to prevent them from choking on their own vomit,” Davidson said. “Alcohol is a poison and the body will try to get that poison out.”

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# Opinion page

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## Curriculum is main concern

Many people on Eastern's campus learned about last year's merger of the botany and zoology departments only after the university began advertising for a chair to head up the new Department of Biological Sciences.

The unease looming over the merger has spilled over into this semester with the recent efforts to give students a say in the decisions of the Biological Sciences Curriculum Committee.

Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, sums up the side of those in opposition to these efforts, saying faculty members should have

complete control over the curriculum they teach and students should not be deciding what will be required of them.

The Biological Sciences merger provides an example,

however, of why the curriculum committees of all academic departments should operate openly to the public and especially to the students, who will be directly affected by these committees' decisions.

Abebe further points out that academic departments need to stay attuned to ideas emerging from the curricula they teach. Departments should do this on a regular basis, he says, by consulting professionals in the field and by talking to their own students about what they have learned and how they have learned it.

Anything that will make interested students more aware of the decisions being made about the curriculum needs to be done. Students worried about how the botany-zoology merger will ultimately affect their degree should be allowed to witness what is being done to the curriculum. If anything, it would cut down on the surprise factor exemplified by the "announcement" of the merger through an advertisement for a new chair.

But rather than single out the Biological Sciences Curriculum Committee, the university should mandate that all such committees be open to the students. It would help ensure that the academic departments are staying open and accountable, to some degree, to the people affected most by their curricula.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

## Today's quote

O, Eleazer Wheelock was a very pious man; he went into the wilderness to teach the Indian ... Eleazer was the faculty, and the whole curriculum was five hundred gallons of New England rum.

Richard Hovey,  
American poet, 1864-1900

## Heterosexuals can support gays

Well, it is that time of year again. Time to dig through your

closet space, find your favorite pair of denim jeans and join in the national support for gay rights. For those of you who have no idea what I'm talking about, Sunday is National Coming Out Day. However, next Monday the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union

(LGBAU) will be hosting Eastern's second annual "Denim Day." We are asking anyone who believes that homosexuals are just like anyone else to please show their support by wearing denim jeans. There are no petitions to sign or money to donate on "Denim Day;" simply wear any pair of denim jeans next Monday and your voice will be heard. This event was a tremendous success last year and we at the LGBAU would like to continue the success this year as well.

There was an unfortunate misinterpretation of "Denim Day" last year I would like to address. Many people were afraid to wear jeans during last year's "Denim Day" because they thought others would look at them and think that they were homosexuals. This is a legitimate concern; no one wants to be judged as something that they are not. Fortunately, the beauty of this national day of support for homosexuals subsists in the belief that anyone can support homosexuals: heteros, gays, bisexuals, lesbians, transgenders or whoever. If you do choose to wear jeans next Monday and someone asks if you are gay and you are in fact not, correct the person and explain why you are wearing the jeans anyway. Supporting homosexuals should not be seen as just a "gay issue." Please support this cause for what it is: a human issue and nothing less.

Supporting homosexuals on this campus can occur through many different ways. One would be to, of course, wear jeans on "Denim Day." Another method of support is to obtain a Safe Zone decal from the LGBAU. Safe Zone is



**Moran Beasley**  
Educational director  
of LGBAU

"Supporting homosexuals should not be seen as just a 'gay issue.'"

a project that the LGBAU began in the fall of 1997. These decals are a symbol of gay support on Eastern's campus and the surrounding areas. When people place a decal in their windows or on their doors, that area is a "safe harbor" for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Although the project has only been going for about a year, there has been a great deal of support among the faculty, staff and students at

Eastern. If you have any questions or wish to obtain a Safe Zone decal (they are absolutely free, by the way), please e-mail Allison Toth, president of LGBAU, at cuakt3@pen.eiu.edu. Another method of support for homosexuals is by attending the LGBAU's weekly meetings. The meetings are at 8 p.m. every Monday in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Anonymity is always respected at the meetings and a fun time is usually had by all who attend.

There have been many people throughout this country's history who would have never known the essence of freedom without outside support; African-Americans, women and children are prime examples of this fact. Another group that needs outside support are homosexuals. Current legal statutes within most parts of the country do not allow homosexuals to get married, own property, raise children or even pay their taxes together. Please show your support next Monday by wearing jeans. Please show your support on campus by placing a Safe Zone decal on your door. Please show your support in general by simply choosing to care that all people, sexuality aside, are treated equal. In case you were asking yourself whether or not I am actually homosexual, ask yourself this question instead: "Does it really matter?"

■ Moran Beasley is a senior history major and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News. His e-mail address is cumb2@pen.eiu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author.



## Righter has and will support tax increases

I want to directly respond to Martha Tuttle's letter of last week attacking Carloyn Brown Hodge over her involvement trying to end the 1986 Crestwood school crisis.

I served with a group of community leaders who helped increase funding for Crestwood. Hodge also helped. But the leaders of the drive were not people like us. It was people like Verne Bear, the superintendent of schools, and the members of the Crestwood School Board.

If Tuttle wants to take issue with the people who were involved in helping our Crestwood schools, perhaps she should take a good hard look at Verne Bear. Not only was he superintendent of the school and leader of the drive – but he also serves on one of Dale Righter's

## Your turn

Letters to the editor

committees and is a staunch supporter of Righter.

If Tuttle were truly serious, she'd be asking herself why Righter, who has already sponsored three tax increases, has a person serving on his committee who led the drive to increase property tax in Paris? It seems like further evidence of Righter's willingness to embrace a tax increase at every turn.

**Page Patrick**  
Paris, Ill. resident

## Where are all the additional spaces?

I am thrilled to learn that Eastern has

added 22 parking spaces. Uh ... where are they again?

**Richard Jacques**

associate professor of communication disorders and sciences

## Letter policy

The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues.

They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.



# Loan may cover losses

By Christy Kilgore  
Staff writer

The Apportionment Board Thursday is scheduled to discuss a possible loan to the University Board to cover the more than \$18,000 lost from last semester's Carrot Top performance.

The AB will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The UB lost more than \$18,000 from the Carrot Top spring concert because of low ticket sales.

The AB loaned the UB \$22,000 to cover the more than \$38,000 in losses from the 1997 Aretha Franklin Family Weekend concert. The UB is currently paying back this short term loan, which is supposed to be paid back by the fall of 2000.

The loan would have to be approved by the AB and would come from the student activity reserve fund, which is supposed to stay above \$100,000.

The AB also has considered using profits from the upcoming, sold-out Bill Cosby Concert to help cover the loss.

Previous profitable concerts include a \$12,500 profit from Hootie and the Blowfish, and Toad the Wet Sprocket in 1995, and \$33,000 from the 1995 Family Weekend Beach Boys concert.

# campus inbrief

## RHA to discuss coffee house, Brad Wright scholarship tonight

Eastern's Residence Hall Association today will update the university on the status of the proposed coffee house, discuss Pemberton Hall's honors students proposal and the Brad Wright scholarship.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Stevenson Hall Lobby.

The changing of Pemberton Hall from an all-female residence hall to a co-ed honors student residence hall will also be discussed.

The RHA recently donated \$125 to the Brad Wright scholarship. Mr. Wright was a former Carman Hall resident assistant.

The scholarship donation has not been formally set up because each year the RHA budget is different, Guerdet said.

■ By Heather Cygan, Staff editor

## Photo workshop Friday

A photography workshop will be held beginning Friday at Fox Ridge State Park and Lumpkin

Hall. Roger Luft, professor of business education and part-time professional photographer, will instruct the workshop.

The workshop will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday in Room 17 of Lumpkin Hall, 8 a.m. to noon at Fox Ridge State Park and 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 17 Lumpkin Hall Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 17 Lumpkin Hall on Oct. 17.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 plus \$15 for a film and processing fee.

Participants will have to provide their own transportation to Fox Ridge.

To register for the workshop, contact the School of Adult and Continuing Education, Office of Conferences and Non-Credit Programs at 581-5116.

## Prints shown at Tarble from the 19th century

Engravings by 19th century British artist J.M.W. Turner now showing through Nov. 22 at the Tarble Arts Center.

Selections from Turner's Liber Studiorum are being exhibited at Tarble from the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

There is no cost to attend the event, which will be on exhibit during regular hours.

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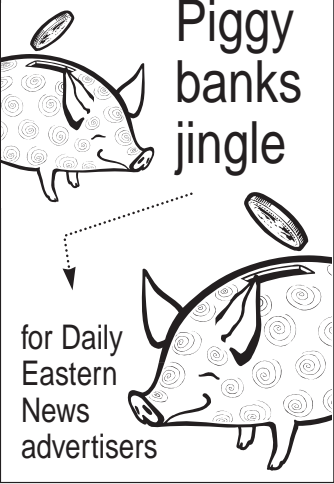
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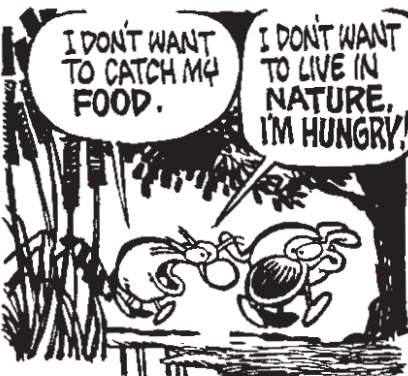
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# Eastern ready for action in tough MVC



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Panther freshman Andrew Nijoka prepares to kick the ball in the 2-1 victory over Belmont on Sept. 30. Eastern begins conference play this weekend when it travels to Western Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

## Coaches: Conference one of best in country

**By David Pump**  
Associate sports editor

Non-conference records cannot be thrown out the window this week as the Missouri Valley conference begins. Don't forget the fact that Eastern and Bradley are unbeaten, and that pre-season favorites; Creighton and Southwest Missouri each have two losses.

"We have already won more games (as a league) this season than we have ever won," Mike Kern, assistant commissioner of media relations to the Missouri Valley said. "We are really happy with how things have progressed."

The progression has been dramatic, as the teams in the MVC have posted a 52-22-3 record compared to the 45-44-4 non-conference record posted a season ago.

The record for this season doesn't include 13 more regular season games. If the squads in the conference lose those last 13 games, the winning percentage would be 59.4 percent, the fourth highest in this decade.

But as for right now the current winning percentage, 69.5 percent is higher than the 66.7 percent set in 1993.

"Typically we have a mixed bag, but this year seems like there it is the best start the conference has ever gotten off to," Creighton coach Bret Simon said.

Reputation of the Missouri Valley being a strong conference has schools scheduling as many teams from the conference as possible. Missouri-Kansas City who is 0-6 against the MVC this season is one of the teams.

"Overall it has to be one of the top confer-

ence's in the nation with Creighton and Southwest Missouri," Missouri-Kansas City assistant coach Fred Schlichting said. "We want to play the best teams, maybe we are taking our lumps, but those are the types of teams we need to play to improve."

Missouri-Kansas City isn't the only team that has played more than two games against teams from the Valley. Ohio State is 2-2 against squads inside the league.

"Creighton is the best team we have seen so far this season, and are among the best in the nation," Buckeye coach John Bluem said. There is a lot of parity in college soccer this season, but it is a very good conference. Evansville is a little bit down this season, but Eastern has a nice team and so does Vanderbilt."

Currently, four of the top five teams in the NSCAA Midwest Region are from the Missouri Valley. Creighton, Southwest Missouri, Bradley and Eastern are those represented teams.

"It's a great conference because we have teams competitive on a national level game in and game out," Eastern coach Tim McClements said. "If you are competitive in this league, you will be competitive in the nation."

But only one team is currently ranked nationally; Creighton.

"By the top team doing well, it elevates the other teams," Schlichting said. "Top to bottom it makes the conference strong, and they have a lot of good players as a result."

However, Creighton hasn't been the only ranked team, as Southwest Missouri and Bradley have both received national recognition this season.

It was the first time in the school's history that a sport other than basketball has been nationally ranked, Braves coach Jim DeRose said.

# Well traveled Weber newest addition to basketball

**By Matt Wilson**  
Sports editor

The quest for women's head basketball coach John Klien to find an assistant is over.

Monica Weber, former team manager for the two-time defending champion Columbus Quest of the American Basketball League, was hired to replace Beth Spycher. Spycher took an assistant coaching job at Colgate University.

"This was a good opportunity," Weber said. "I've always wanted to be an assistant coach at a I-A school and this was a good chance."

Illinois will be the third state Weber has coached in, as she has also coached in Maine

and Ohio.

"She has a good coaching background and a good administrative background, which is good because there are some administrative duties that go into coaching" Klien said. "We try to hire someone new that will bring in new ideas and new strengths."

One of the main goals of being an assistant coach is getting to know the players well. Weber is now at Eastern, and Klien said he thinks the players will like their new assistant.

"They're pleased to have somebody in the place," Klien said. "They're still getting to know Monica and Monica is still getting to know them. As time passes by I think they will have a good player, coach relationship."

Because she came to Eastern when presea-



Monica Weber

son was already going on, Weber said she has not totally got to know the players yet.

"It's tough because I came here late and I sort of threw myself into the job, but I'm getting used to it," she said.

Last year Weber was at NAIA's University of Maine at Fort Knox where she coached both women's basketball and women's soccer. A 1997 graduate of Ohio State, Weber was also an assistant director of resident life at the school.

Besides her college coaching experience, Weber was also a high school coach at

Westerville High School in Ohio.

"I have a lot of experience and hopefully I can combine my ideas with the other programs in the program," Weber said.

Klien said all of the coaching experiences will be a definite benefit to the Panther program.

"Part of her background was that she was a head coach and he main responsibility was to rejuvenate the program," he said. "That experience can only help us and in addition she coached at different places she will bring in a different philosophy which can only help."

Weber has a simple goal for what she wants to do for the Eastern program.

"I want to learn as much as I can and have a good time," she said.

# Spoo hopes week off does not affect Panther football

## Eastern still tough during bye week

**By Matt Wilson**  
Sports editor

If it were up head coach Bob Spoo, the Panther football team would be playing every week instead of having one bye week.

"I don't like bye weeks," Spoo said. "Practice is still physical and the staff feels that's a bonus. I think us playing hard is a result of us playing good (offense) against good (defense)."

Whether Spoo likes it or not this weekend is the only bye weekend of the season for the Panthers and its before the homecoming game next weekend against Illinois State. But Spoo said he does see some positives things that can happen

during the bye week.

"It gives us an opportunity to change the format of our practices," Spoo said. "We can work on situations that we don't have a lot of time to practice during a normal work week."

Spoo said some of the things Eastern is going to be working on in practice for the rest of the week is special teams, the two-minute drill, third-down situations and end of the game clock management.

The Panther running game is an area of concern, Spoo said. The Panther rushing attack gained 130 yards against Southeast Missouri, with 102 of those coming from senior tailback Justin Lynch.

"The offensive coaches are working on that this week in practice," Spoo said. "We need more productivity than that."

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Bob Spoo,  
Panther football coach

the running game was generated by the stout Southeast Missouri defense. He said Eastern didn't have any blown assignments, but because the Eastern offensive line is not as big as in the past, and when it comes to individual match-ups the offensive line isn't overpowering.

If Eastern were to come up against another good defensive team, Spoo said the passing game would play a crucial role.

"We have good catchers and our tight ends have good hands," he said. "We can hurt the team by passing the ball because they will be vulnerable to the draws and counters."

Sophomore Anthony Buich led the Panther offensive attack by passing for 301 yards. Spoo said he wanted to see some of the same type of results from Buich in the coming weeks.

"He picked up his secondary guys pretty well," he said. "He has a quick release which is beneficial in nature."

Even though special teams is one of the areas to be worked on this week, Spoo did see some improvement in it last Saturday.

"I'm more pleased with our kickoff returns and punt coverage was good in light of the fact they had an excellent returner, but we kept him to a minimum," Spoo said. "Billy Besenhofer kicked the ball higher and deeper and Chad (Larmer) is kicking the ball well."

Eastern was penalized 11 times in the game against Southeast, a problem Spoo said he would like to see fixed. Spoo said some of the penalties were just from aggressive play and others were from poor judgment.

"On the opening kick we had a block in the back penalty, and that's just using poor judgment," Spoo said. "Then we have the aggressive penalties where the kid is just trying to make a play and the official calls it. All penalties are different and require different responses."